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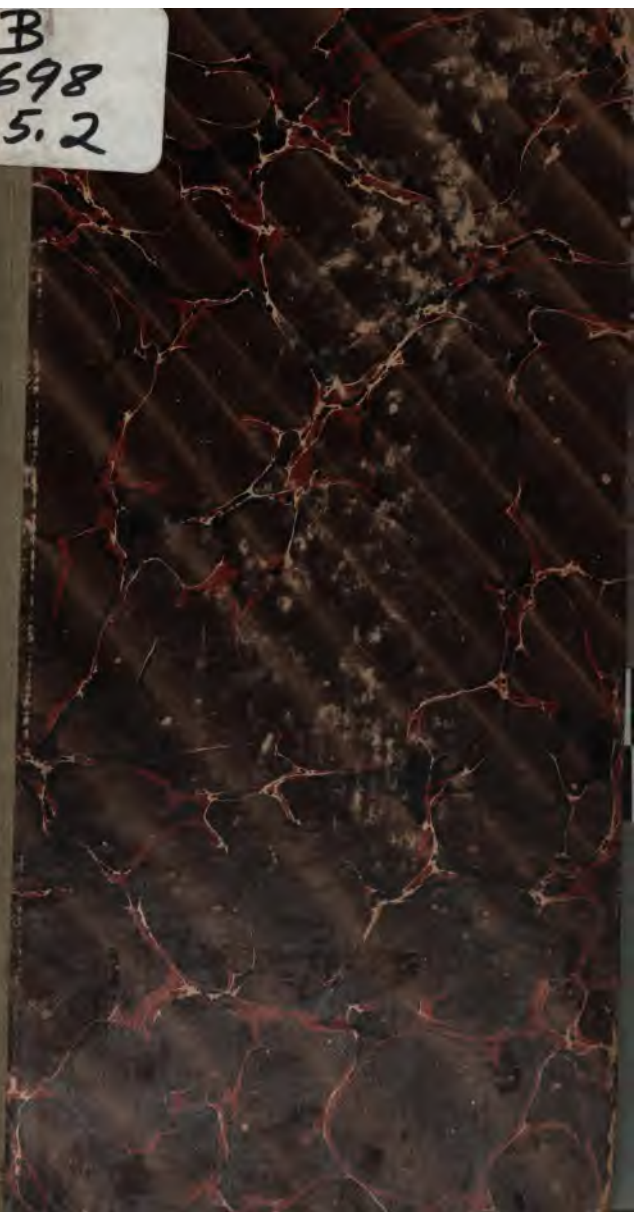
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PREFATORY NOTE.

THIS Handbook is issued by authority and under the direction of the Committee, in the belief that it will be of service to many persons who, while accustomed to use the Free Libraries, are yet unacquainted with the full resources of those institutions ; and also in the hope that many of those who have not yet availed themselves of the great advantages which the Libraries offer to all thoughtful people, will, by a perusal of its contents—should the volume fall into their hands—be induced to frequent them.

Another desire has been to provide answers, as far as possible, to the numerous enquiries with regard to the establishment and working of the Manchester Free Libraries which are constantly being received from those interested in the promotion of such institutions in the United Kingdom, or abroad. Much of the information usually asked for will therefore be found in a succinct form in the following pages, for the compilation of which I am indebted to my colleague, Mr. W. R. Credland.

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MANCHESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

HISTORICAL NOTICE.

THE Manchester Free Library was one of the first to be established under the Free Libraries Act of 1850. Immediately after the passing of that Act the formation of a free library for Manchester was undertaken with great earnestness by Mr. (afterwards Sir) John Potter. Being then in the second year of his mayoralty, and possessing much personal influence and popularity, he found himself in a position which enabled him to carry out his laudable scheme with brilliant success. The subscription which he started reached the sum of £4,300, before any appeal was made to the public. Having been induced to purchase the Hall of Science, in Campfield, for the purpose of converting it into a library, he called a public meeting therein on January 5th, 1851, with the object of carrying his intention into effect. At this meeting Dr. James Prince Lee, Bishop of Manchester, Dr. G. H. Bowers, Dean of Manchester, Rev. John Gooch Robberds, Mr. Joseph Brotherton, M.P., Mr. (afterwards Sir) Thomas Bazley, Dr. John Watts, and

other gentlemen, spoke in favour of the scheme, and a committee, with Dr. John Watts and Mr. John Leigh, M.R.C.S., as secretaries, was appointed to carry on the work. Their first efforts were directed to the adaptation of the building to the required purpose, and to canvassing for further subscriptions. The subscriptions eventually reached the large sum of £12,823, of which about £800 was raised by a working men's committee, with Mr. W. J. Paul as secretary. Whilst these efforts were in active progress the purchase of books was entrusted to Mr. James Crossley, President of the Chetham Society, and Mr. Edward Edwards, who had been selected to fill the post of chief librarian. Eighteen thousand volumes were bought, by an expenditure of £4,150, and about 3,300 were presented. Efforts were made to obtain from Government a grant of the whole of the books printed at the public expense, for public use presumably; but they met with no success, and though they have from time to time been repeated, such a grant has never been made.

In selecting the works intended to form the reference library two or three principal objects were steadily kept in view. One of these was the creation of a department of Commerce, Trade, and Manufactures; and another of works on Local History, and books locally printed, or written by natives of the town. The result was that when the library was opened to the public the commercial collection

numbered over 7,000 works, and the local one more than 500. These efforts have never been relaxed, and one valuable outcome is that the library now possesses an unrivalled collection of maps, drawings, engravings, pamphlets, and books illustrative of the history of Manchester and its vicinity.

In July, 1852, the Mayor brought the question of the adoption of the Libraries Act before the Town Council, and having obtained its consent, the opinion of the ratepayers was sought for by a poll. This was taken on the 20th August, when the voting showed 3,962 for and 40 against the adoption of the Act, out of a register of 12,500 voters.

Three days before the meetings held to celebrate the opening of the library, Prince Albert sent a donation of eighteen handsome volumes, with a letter addressed to the Mayor, from which the following is an extract:—

“His Royal Highness directs me to express his gratification at seeing Manchester taking the lead, as in many other valuable improvements, in giving practical application to that recent but important act of the Legislature, which has recognised, for the first time, the supply of food for the mind as among those necessities which in this country are so amply and beneficially supplied to the community by rates, in the different localities voluntarily imposed upon the property. His Royal High-

ness hopes that the example thus nobly set by Manchester, and which His Royal Highness knows that you have personally so zealously promoted, will be extensively followed throughout the country."

The inaugural meetings were held on September 2nd, 1852, in the Library, Campfield, and were distinguished by the presence of the Earls of Shaftesbury and Wilton, Sir James Stephen, Mr. Richard Monckton Milnes (afterwards Lord Houghton), Mr. John Bright, M.P. for Manchester, Mr. Charles Knight, Mr. (afterwards Sir) William Brown, Mr. Peter Cunningham, as well as most of the early promoters mentioned as taking part in the preliminary meeting of January, 1851.

"But the crowning honour," says Mr. Edward Edwards, the first librarian of the Manchester Free Libraries, "was the presence of three masters of literature—Charles Dickens, W. M. Thackeray, and Lord Lytton. Each of these eminent writers expressed himself characteristically. Thackeray—who could utter such brilliant and incisive sayings across the social dinner-table—was never at his ease in speechifying at a public meeting; and on this occasion the sight of 20,000 volumes seemed to appal him more than that of the few hundreds of auditors. The surrounding books appeared to excite such a crowd of thoughts in his mind that their very number and hurry impeded their outlet.

Enough was heard to make one feel that what he had to say was excellent, yet he could not say it. He sat down in great emotion, and with an unfinished sentence on his lips. His nearest rival in the realm of fiction was, on the other hand, perfectly at his ease. He caused a roar of laughter by a pathetic account of the toils he had encountered in striving, during several years, to understand the meaning of the current phrase, 'the Manchester School.' He had run up and down imploring explanation. Some people assured him that it was 'all cant,' and others were equally confident that it was 'all cotton.' But in that room his doubts were suddenly dispelled. 'The Manchester School,' he now saw, was a library of books, as open to the poorest as to the richest.

"But no speech uttered at that meeting contained words better worth remembering and pondering than those of Lord Lytton. He told his audience what had been said to him a few days before by the American Ambassador, when questioned about the amount and incidence of taxation in the States. 'Our largest rate of all,' said Mr. Everett to Sir Bulwer Lytton, 'is our Education rate. We never grumble at its amount, because it is in education that we find the principle of our national safety.' 'But,' added Lord Lytton, 'a library is not only a school, it is an arsenal and an armoury. Books are weapons, either for war or for self-defence. And

the principles of chivalry are as applicable to the student now as they ever were to the knight of old. To defend the weak ; to resist the oppressor ; to add to courage, humility ; to give to man the service, and to God the glory ; is the student's duty now, as it was once the duty of the knight."*

Four days later, on September 6th, 1852, the Free Library was opened, both reference and lending departments being thronged with readers, and the promoters were gratified by the striking success which attended their efforts. During the first year of working there were issued to readers in the reference department 61,080 volumes, and from the lending department 77,232 volumes, making a total within twelve months of 138,312. The reference library, when opened to the public, contained 16,013 volumes, which were increased by the end of the year to 18,104. The lending branch contained at the same time 5,305, and these were increased to 7,195 in the twelve months.

The work thus happily begun went steadily on, gaining for itself, under the able management of Sir John Potter, who had been elected the first chairman of the Committee, much popularity and esteem. These were manifested by frequent donations, amongst which were £75 in money from the Manchester Shakespeare Society, upwards of 600 volumes from Mr. Robert Barnes, then Mayor of

* *Free Town Libraries*, p. 72.



Manchester, a set of Specifications of Patents from the Commissioners, many valuable works from America, and the publications of several societies presented by their members.

By way of further popularising the new institution, free lectures were given in the library in the winter of 1852. Similar courses of lectures, having for their object the instruction of the public in the contents of the various libraries and in the knowledge and right use of books, have since been provided from time to time. This work will be continued as occasion serves, as it is held to be one of the most important duties of the library service to help and guide the public in their choice of reading and of books.

"From the first," says Mr. Edwards in his first report, "the library of reference has been extensively used by persons of all classes in society. Many clergymen and ministers of various denominations frequently visit it for purposes of research. Commercial men of all grades occasionally come, either in search of information on some pending question of politics or trade, or points connected with patents of inventions and other like subjects. Young men of good education and acquirements come habitually; some to read history, some to read books on commerce, others to study theology or philosophy. There are readers who come almost daily, both morning and evening, for many months. But the

majority of evening readers—and it is in the evening that the library is most largely frequented—have always belonged to what are popularly termed ‘the working classes.’ Many, of course, read merely for amusement; but not a few come with a lively and with an obvious purpose of self-improvement.”

A few years after the opening of the Campfield Library, its inadequacy to meet the requirements of the public became apparent, and early in 1857, the Committee submitted to the Council a proposal for the establishment of three branch libraries. Their scheme, which was drawn up by Councillor Rawson, and explained by him to the Council on May 13th, 1857, was adopted, and in pursuance of it, the Hulme branch was opened on November 23rd, 1857, in a shop at No. 221, Stretford Road, and the Ancoats branch on December 7th, 1857, at 190, Great Ancoats Street.

The following year, 1858, was marked by the death, on the 25th of October, of the man to whom the Free Libraries largely owed their origin. Of Sir John Potter's public life and character Mr. Edwards has given an interesting sketch in his “Free Town Libraries.”

On the death of Sir John Potter, the chairmanship of the Committee devolved on Councillor Alexander McDougall, who was succeeded in 1858 by Councillor Rawson. In 1861, Mr. Rawson gave place to Councillor John King, jun., Councillor *Baker* being appointed vice-chairman.

The year 1858 also witnessed the termination of Mr. Edwards's tenure of the office of chief librarian, after six years' service. During that period he made some valuable reports and suggestions, besides arranging and cataloguing the nucleus of the libraries, and there is no doubt that these owe a considerable portion of their success to his abilities. During the period of his office the number of volumes in the reference library had increased from 15,744 to 25,858, and in the lending libraries from 7,195 to 10,029. The issues in the reference library had increased from 61,080 to 101,991, and in the lending libraries from 77,232 to 96,117.

A well-written and most interesting biography of Mr. Edwards was compiled by Mr. Thomas Greenwood, and published in 1902 under the title, "Edward Edwards, the Chief Pioneer of Municipal Public Libraries." In his further honour, and in order that there might be an appropriate commemorative memorial of him in the city which had so greatly benefitted by his labours, Mr. Greenwood, after Mr. Edwards' death, purchased his library, consisting of about 560 volumes of books, manuscripts, pamphlets, and newspaper cuttings, and presented it to the Libraries Committee, together with a specially designed book-case to contain the collection.

Mr. Edwards was succeeded by Mr. Robert Wilson Smiles, formerly secretary of the Lancashire Public

Schools Association, and brother of Dr. Samuel Smiles, author of "Self-Help."

On the 4th of June, 1860, another branch library was opened in Livesey Street, Rochdale Road, with a stock of 2,888 volumes. As this was the first building specially designed and erected for the purpose, much interest was manifested on the occasion, and there was a numerous attendance at the opening meeting.

This year was fruitful in gifts to the stock of books in the libraries. Upwards of 1,000 volumes of works, chiefly of an educational character, were presented by their respective publishers. Lord Overstone gave a set of his reprints of scarce tracts on Commerce, and Mr. James Heywood a set of the Camden Society's publications, together with other works. A society entitled the "Scientific Library Association" was also formed, having for its object the purchase of scientific books to be deposited in the Reference Library. This association existed about a year, during which time it presented to the library the numbers, as published, of fifteen scientific periodicals, Ure's "Dictionary of Arts," Hussey's "Mycology," and twenty-nine other volumes. In the following year, 1861, the library of the Miles Platting Mechanics' Institution, numbering about 2,000 volumes, was presented to the Rochdale Road branch; and about 200 volumes relating to the *Society of Friends* were given by the *Manchester Meeting of that Society*.

Before the library was formally handed over to the Corporation, much discussion had taken place on the subject of a catalogue. There was great diversity of opinion among the members of the original committee on this point, but ultimately Mr. Edwards drew up a special report, in which he proposed a plan for a classified catalogue, supplemented by two indexes, one of authors, and the other of topics. His classification was founded on the well-known system of Brunet, with modifications to meet the special exigencies of the case. This plan was adopted by the Committee, and the work was in preparation when Mr. Edwards resigned. His successor carried on the task on the same lines, and the first volume, containing the books in Class I. (Theology), was printed in 1860. In 1862 Dr. A. Crestadoro's offer to complete the catalogue within two years was accepted by the Committee. The catalogue was finished within the specified time, and was placed in the hands of the public in 1864. It consists of two parts, the first being a list of authors' names in alphabetical order—anonymous works being placed under their subject—and the second an index of subjects. The work gave great satisfaction, and on Mr. Smiles's resignation of the chief librarianship in April, 1864, Dr. Crestadoro was appointed his successor.

In the same year Councillor Thomas (afterwards Sir Thomas) Baker was elected chairman of the Com-


mittee. He opened a new building for the Hulme branch in 1866, and another for the Chorlton and Ardwick branch in the same year.

In September, 1867, a new building which had been erected in Every Street, Ancoats, for the accommodation of that populous district, was opened, but without any public ceremony.

DONATIONS.

No year has passed without being productive of donations to the libraries. Amongst the most valuable or interesting of these may be mentioned a collection of Chinese books, numbering 253 volumes, bequeathed by Thomas Bellot, M.R.C.S.; the mill library of Messrs. Clarke Brothers, of 1,712 volumes; and that of Mr. Joseph Thompson, of 1,044 volumes; numerous volumes from the Trustees of the British Museum; many fine and important works from the Trustees of the Brotherton Memorial Fund, from the United States Coast Survey, and from other departments of the American Government.

In 1879 the English Dialect Society presented their library of fifty-five volumes, many of them rare. This gift was enriched in 1887 by Mr. J. R. Wise, who then presented to the Dialect Society his collection of more than 150 volumes and a number of pamphlets. Many of these works contained annotations by Mr.



Wise principally concerning the Warwickshire dialect. Their example was followed by the Manchester Statistical Society, who gave their library of 250 volumes and 100 pamphlets. This society makes occasional additions to the collection, and retains the right of borrowing the books.

In 1881 the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association presented its library, numbering about 75 volumes and 50 pamphlets, and the Vegetarian Society of Manchester, in 1888, followed the example by sending its collection of books on vegetarianism, hygiene, and temperance to the Reference Library, on terms similar to those already indicated.

Since 1890 the Libraries Committee have received several splendidly munificent gifts of special collections of books. In that year the library of works on shorthand gathered together by the late John Eglinton Bailey was presented by Councillor Henry Boddington, and a collection of works on Thomas Fuller acquired by Mr. Bailey when writing his "Life of Dr. Thomas Fuller," was given by Messrs. Taylor, Garnett, and Co., the proprietors of the *Manchester Guardian*.

Another remarkable special collection was presented in 1895 by Mr. Thomas Read Wilkinson, for many years manager of the Manchester and Salford Bank. The books had been accumulated by Mr. Alexander Ireland, publisher and business manager of the *Manchester Examiner*

and Times from 1846 to 1886, and comprised works by William Hazlitt, Leigh Hunt, R. W. Emerson, Thomas Carlyle, and Charles Lamb. They numbered 360 volumes, and there were also many pamphlets, letters, newspaper cuttings, and some unpublished material. Detailed descriptions of these libraries, and of a unique gathering of literature relative to those curious people the Gipsies, which was purchased from M. Paul Bataillard, are given on pages 141-8 of Mr. Credland's "History of the Manchester Public Free Libraries."

Through the noble generosity of Mr. Henry Watson, Mus.Doc., Manchester has been provided with one of the largest and best libraries of music, and books relating to music, in the country. The collection of this library has been the work of a lifetime, and Dr. Watson has spared no trouble or expense to make it as comprehensive as possible. In 1900 he gave it to the city, with the sole reservation that it should remain in his custody during his lifetime. It contained about 9,000 volumes, besides a vast number of separate pieces. Dr. Watson is its honorary librarian, and the works can be borrowed under the rules and regulations of the ordinary lending libraries. This example has so much influenced others, that the musical library has been augmented from time to time by the presentation of the library of Dr. C. J. Hall, containing over 500 *volumes*, the collection formed by the Hamer Har-

greaves Trust, the libraries of the Manchester Vocal Society, the Cheetham Glee and Choral Union, the Gentlemen's Concerts Society, and, by purchase, the library of the Manchester Male-Voice Choir.

Mr. Thomas Greenwood, a native of Bredbury, near this city, formed a library of books relating to bibliography and library management, extending to some 10,000 volumes, which, in 1903, he presented to the Public Libraries Committee. This costly and unique collection is intended to constitute a library for librarians, and the books will be lent to persons engaged in library administration under certain conditions. A description of the library is contained in Vol. IX., page 90, of the Manchester Public Free Libraries' "Quarterly Record."

In the same year the Manchester Foreign Library, containing over 16,000 volumes, was discontinued, and the books were presented to the Libraries Committee on its undertaking to pay the liabilities, amounting to £65, of the proprietors. The library consists principally of French, German, Italian, and Spanish books, which can be borrowed on the same conditions as those regulating the lending libraries. A description of its contents will be found in Vol. VII., page 140, of the Manchester Public Free Libraries' "Quarterly Record."

Owing to the difficulty which had been experienced in obtaining and keeping satisfactory assistants in the free libraries, the experiment of

introducing young women into the service was tried in 1871. This proved highly successful, and, as it abolished the previous difficulty, the employment of women has become an established principle. Candidates for appointments must be between the ages of 16 and 21, and are required to pass an examination in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and show that they possess a fair knowledge of English literature.

On the 29th January, 1872, the fifth branch library was opened in premises previously used as a school in York Street, Cheetham. A boys' room was afterwards formed in the basement, and first used on December 19th, 1883.

A legacy of £100 left by Mr. J. Gaskill for the purchase of books for the Hulme branch was received in 1872, and over 200 volumes of standard books were bought and added to the library. This is the only gift of money by legacy which the Libraries Committee has received.

From their establishment in 1852 the Reference Library and chief lending library had continued to be housed in the building in Campfield, and although five branch libraries had been opened from time to time the parent institution not only maintained but steadily increased its popularity. In 1873 the issues from the lending library had increased to 108,342, being about 30,000 more than *at the commencement*, and those in the reference

library had risen to 151,700, being more than twice the number of the first year. The accommodation provided by the building had, however, never been very satisfactory. The Reference Library was too far from the centre of the town, and was also insufficient in shelving, some of the books having to be stored at the branch libraries. Moreover, the structure, not having been erected with a view to the purpose for which it had been employed, began to give way beneath the weight of books placed against its walls. In 1877 its condition became so alarming that the library was closed. The books were removed with as much speed as possible, and were placed in the offices of the old Town Hall in King Street, which had just been vacated by the Corporation taking possession of the New Town Hall in Albert Square.

In April of the same year the Council authorised the occupation of the old Town Hall as a Reference Library, and by resolution passed on 5th March, 1884, transferred the building and the vacant land adjoining it to the Libraries Committee. The necessary work of alteration was at once put in hand. The work was completed in February, 1878, and after the inauguration by public meeting of a new building for the Cheetham branch, which took place on February 11th, the meeting adjourned to the Reference Library for the purpose of opening it also to the public. The chair was occupied by the

Mayor (Alderman Grundy), and the meeting was addressed by Mr. James Crossley, Alderman Abel Heywood, Chancellor R. C. Christie, Dr. John Watts, and other gentlemen. The reading-room of the Reference Library is very handsome in appearance, the somewhat inartistic proportion between the length and width being broken and relieved by two rows of fluted columns, and the effect heightened by a central dome, from which the space devoted to readers is lighted. When first opened about one hundred persons could be seated, and the room was frequently—especially in the middle of the day—crowded to excess. The first year's working in the new premises (1878-9) showed an issue to readers of 173,137 volumes, or about 600 volumes per day, being nearly three times the number issued during any immediately preceding year at Campfield.

The position of the Reference Library in the very heart of the city has been the means of making known its literary treasures to the greatest number of readers, and the constantly-increasing use of its valuable contents by the public, sufficiently justifies the action of the Council in transferring to the Libraries Committee one of the most important sites in the city. In 1882 and in 1887 the accommodation for readers was enlarged, and the library is now able conveniently to seat about 200 persons.

In July, 1878, a memorial was presented to the *City Council* praying that the libraries might be

opened on Sunday afternoons. The subject was debated at three successive Council meetings, and on a division there was a substantial majority in favour of the proposal. The Committee carried out the decision of the Council, and on Sunday, September 8th, 1878, all the libraries were opened at two o'clock, and remained open until nine. The large number of persons who frequent the libraries on Sundays indicates that the opportunity of using them on that day was desired and is advantageous, and the arrangement has been continued unaltered to the present time.

Another important extension was made in 1878. The number of boys who assembled in the several reading-rooms in the evening caused so much inconvenience to adult readers as to suggest the desirability of arranging separate accommodation specially for them. Accordingly a room was prepared for them at Ancoats, and opened each afternoon at 5 o'clock. This was so largely used that similar rooms have now been provided in each of the branch libraries.

On the occasion of the destruction by fire of the Birmingham Free Library, on January 11th, 1879, the Committee manifested their sympathy with the people of that town by presenting, with the consent of the Council, 278 volumes and 1,600 pamphlets towards the formation of a new library. These were duplicate works, and many of them were rare or otherwise valuable.

In April, 1879, the death took place of Andrea Crestadoro, Ph.D., who had ably filled the office of chief librarian for fifteen years. The present chief librarian is Mr. Charles William Sutton, who succeeded Dr. Crestadoro after having been many years previously in the service of the Committee.

On the 17th April, 1886, Alderman Sir Thomas Baker died. He had been Chairman of the Committee for nearly twenty-two years. The latter portion of his life was largely devoted to the work of the free libraries, in which his interest and pleasure deepened with the lapse of time. For his services in this and other public directions he was knighted in 1883, shortly after completing his second term of office as Mayor of Manchester.

In September of the same year, the hours during which the libraries are open were extended, the news-rooms being kept open an additional hour in the evening, and the Reference Library an additional hour both morning and evening.

On February 8th and 9th, 1887, reading-rooms for the Harpurhey and Bradford districts were opened. A building in Hyde Road, formerly a chapel, was, in 1888, converted into a reading-room; in 1894 a reading-room for the Chester Road district was established in a specially provided building; and in 1897 the Crumpsall Township Offices were altered and arranged for the purposes of a reading-room.

From 1885 to the present time (1907) Manchester has been busily engaged in extending its boundaries. Fifteen townships bordering on the city have been absorbed into greater Manchester, and others will doubtless follow. Many of these townships, as part of the price of their effacement, insisted on the establishment of libraries in their districts. Promises were given, but were difficult to fulfil, because the additional income derived from the incorporated townships was not sufficient to provide and maintain the institutions demanded. Therefore, in 1891, by a clause in a local Act, authority was obtained to increase the library rate to twopence in the pound. Then the work of erecting new branches was begun, the first district to reap the benefit being Newton Heath. There the Libraries Committee completed the library portion of a building under construction by the Local Board for municipal purposes when the Incorporation Act became effective. This library was opened on September 28th, 1891, with 4,828 volumes, a considerable number of them having been purchased out of a subscription fund raised by the inhabitants of the ward.

Whilst busy with this undertaking the Committee received from the Trustees of the Longsight Mechanics' Institution and of the Rusholme Public Hall, both situated in newly-added districts, offers to transfer their properties to the Corporation for the purpose of conversion into free libraries. Both

offers were accepted and the buildings adapted for their new services. The Rusholme branch was opened on April 30th, 1892, and the Longsight branch on July 23rd of the same year.

Two years later new branches were constructed in Gorton and Openshaw. The Gorton branch was opened on May 5th, 1894, and the Openshaw branch on July 7th, 1894. In accordance with the desires of the Whitworth Legatees, who contributed £8,500 towards defraying the cost of the Openshaw building, recreation-rooms and a coffee-room were included in the scheme. The coffee-room was soon found to be little used and was discontinued, but the games, smoke and billiard rooms are still maintained and are very popular.

On February 5th, 1898, the library contained in the Simpson Memorial School, Moston, was dedicated to the public of Manchester. The library was established in 1888, and the trustees, wishing to extend its usefulness, transferred the reading-room and library, with about 800 volumes, to the Libraries Committee. Their public-spiritedness has been fully appreciated by the inhabitants of the district, and the library is much used.

In conjunction with the Lewis Trustees, the Committee erected a building at the entrance to the Lewis Recreation Grounds at Blackley for the purposes of a library, public hall, and recreation and refreshment rooms. The Trustees presented the

plot and £5,000 towards defraying the cost of the building. The Blackley Free Library and Institute, as it is named, was opened on October 10th, 1901.

The townships of Moss Side and Withington were incorporated with the city in 1904. By the inclusion of Moss Side another branch library was added to the Committee's possessions. This library was opened in 1897; the building has since been enlarged and the collection of books greatly increased and improved. With respect to Withington, the terms of the Act made the provision of a library in the district within five years after its adoption compulsory, and a second one within ten years.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

With the exception of Christmas Day and Good Friday the Reference Library is open every day from 9 o'clock in the morning to 10 at night, and on Sundays from 2 to 9 p.m. It contains over 152,000 volumes, and there is sitting accommodation for about 200 persons. It is divided into two portions, the upper and lower reading-rooms. In the upper reading-room any book or magazine may be consulted, but it is considered preferable that those kept in the lower reading-room should be asked for there. The lower reading-room is specially allotted to

1. SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENTS, of which a complete set, numbering about 9,000 volumes, and dating from 1617, is provided, and kept up-to-date by the addition of every specification as soon as it is received from the Patent Office. There is also a collection of American patents, dating from 1897, which are also kept current by the latest additions. These collections are at present stored at the Deansgate branch, where they can be consulted during the time the library is open.

2. DIRECTORIES, both English and Foreign, as follows:—

BRITISH ISLES.

Bedfordshire.

Belfast and Ulster.

Berkshire.

Birmingham.

Birmingham Trades (Peck's).

Bradford.

Bristol and Clifton (Wright's).

Buckinghamshire.

Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk.

Cheshire.

Cornwall.

Cumberland.

Derbyshire.

Devonshire.

Dublin.

Durham.

Edinburgh and Leith.

Essex.

Glasgow.

Gloucestershire.

Halifax (Robinson's).

Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorsetshire, and Channel Islands.

Herefordshire and Shropshire.

Hertfordshire.

Hull.
Huntingdonshire.
Ireland (Kelly's).
Kent.
Lancashire.
Leicester (Wright's).
Leicestershire and Rutland.
Leeds (Kelly's).
Leeds (Robinson's).
Lincolnshire and Hull.
Liverpool and Birkenhead (Gore's).
London.
London and County Trades.
London Business.
London Suburbs.
Manchester, Salford, and Suburban (Slater's).
Manchester Trades.
Monmouthshire and South Wales.
Newcastle-on-Tyne (Ward's).
North Shields, South Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland and
Gateshead.
Northamptonshire.
Northumberland.
Nottingham (Wright's).
Nottinghamshire.
Scotland (Kelly's).
Sheffield (White's).
Somersetshire.
Southport and Birkdale (Seed's).
Staffordshire.
Surrey.
Sussex.
Warwickshire.
Westmorland.
Worcestershire.
Yorkshire, Business (Robinson's).
Yorkshire, North and East Ridings.
Yorkshire, West Riding.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

Africa, South.
American Republics.
Annuaire Oriental (Russia, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, etc.).
Argentine Republic.

Australia—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Austria-Hungary.

Basel.

Belgium.

Berlin.

Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Brazil.

British Guiana.

Canada.

Canadian Annual Review.

Ceylon.

China, Japan, Siam, Straits Settlements, etc.

France, Départements (Didot-Bottin).

France, Etranger [including Algeria and Tunis (D: Bottin)].

Germany.

Grenada.

Holland.

India (Thacker's).

Japan (Meiklejohn's).

Mexico.

Natal.

New York City (Thaw's).

New Zealand.

Newfoundland.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Paris (Didot-Bottin).

Portugal.

Prince Edward Island.

Quebec.

Singapore and Straits Settlements.

Spain and Spanish America.

Sweden.

Switzerland.

Toronto.

Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

Transvaal (Gilchrist's).

TRADES.

Advertisers' A B C.
Advertising, Practical.
Bankers' Directory.
Banking Almanac.
Banks, London, Directory.
Booksellers' Directory (Olegg's).
Booksellers' Directory (Kelly's).
Brewers' Directory.
British Mercantile Directory.
Builders' Price Book (Saxton's).
Building Trades Directory.
Building Trades Directory (Kelly's).
Cab Fares, Manchester and Salford Directory.
Cabinet Makers' Directory.
Carriage and Harness Trades Directory.
Chemical Appointments, List.
Chemical Diary (Wood's).
Chemical Trades Directory.
Chemists and Druggists' Directory.
China and Glass Trades Directory.
Clothing and Outfitting Trades Directory.
Cold Storage Directory.
Colliery Proprietors' Directory.
Commercial Directory (Harrison's).
Co-operative Wholesale Societies' Annual.
Cotton Spinners' Directory.
Customs Tariffs of the World.
Electric Lighting Directory.
Electrical Directory.
Electrical Trades Directory.
Electrical Undertakings, Manual (Garcke's).
Engineering Trades Directory.
Engineers' Diary (Wood's).
Export Merchant Shippers' Directory.
Fancy Goods Directory.
Furniture and Upholstery Trades Directory.
Grocery and Provision Trades Directory.
Hardware Trades Directory.
Horse and Cattle Fairs Directory.
Horticultural Directory.
Hotels Directory.
Ice Trades Directory.
Insurance Bluebook.
Insurance Companion.

Insurance Register.
International Guide (Lamb's).
International Mercantile Directory (Collingwood's).
Iron and Metal Trades Directory.
Iron Trades Diary (Wood's).
Jewellers' Directory.
Jewellery Trades Directory.
Manufacturers', British and Foreign, Directory.
Markets Directory.
Mechanics' Almanack.
Mercantile Diary.
Mercantile Directory (Jepson's).
Mercantile Guide (Perry's).
Merchants', Manufacturers', and Shippers' Directory
(Chambers').
Merchants', Manufacturers', and Shippers' Directory
(Kelly's).
Mining Manual.
Mining Register (Potts').
Newspaper Guide, South Africa.
Newspaper Press Directory.
Oil and Colour Trades Directory.
Paper Makers' Directory.
Paper Mills' Directory.
Paper Trades Directory.
Press, World's, Directory (Sell's).
Printing Trades Directory.
Printers', Publishers', and Stationers' Directory.
Railroads, Poor's Manual [American].
Railway Manual (Bradshaw's).
Railway Officials' Directory.
Railway Year Book.
Refrigerating Industry Directory.
Shipping Diary (Lloyd's).
Shipping Register (Lloyd's).
Shipping Register (Turnbull's).
Shipping World Year Book.
Shorthand Directory (Pitman's).
Stationery Trades Directory.
Steel and Hardware Directory.
Stock Exchange Official Intelligence.
Stock Exchange Year Book.
Telegraphic Addresses (Sell's).
Telegraphic Addresses, Australia and New Zealand.

Telegraphic Codes—

A.B.C. (4th and 5th editions).

International Cable Code.

Via Eastern.

Textile Diary (Wood's).

Textile Directories—

Annuaire de l'Industrie Textile.

Canada.

Ireland, Scotland, and Wales (Worrall's).

Lancashire.

Russia.

United States.

Yorkshire (Worrall's).

Textile Fabrics Directory.

Textile Fabrics Directory (Kelly's).

Textile Manufacturers' Directory.

Timber Trades Directory.

Tobacco Trades Directory.

Trade Index, Canadian.

Trades Directory (Jowett's).

Trades Directory (Stubbs').

Trades Directory, England, Ireland, Scotland (MacDonald's).

Trades Directory, England, North-west Counties.

Warehousemen Agents' Directory.

Watch and Clockmaking Trades Directory.

Wine and Spirit Trades Directory.

**TITLED, OFFICIAL, AND PROFESSIONAL CLASSES AND
HANDBOOKS.**

Accountants, Chartered, Members, etc.

Accountants, Incorporated, Year Book.

Almanach de Gotha.

Architects' Directory.

Army List (Hart's).

Army List (Official).

Baptist Handbook.

British Almanac.

British Imperial Calendar and Civil Service List.

Cape of Good Hope Civil Service List.

Catholic Directory.

Charities, Annual Register and Digest.

Church of England Year Book.

Clergy List.

Clerical Directory (Crockford's).

Clubs, *English*, List.

Colonial Office List.
Congregational Year Book.
Constitutional Year Book.
County Councils, Municipal Corporations, and Local Authorities' Companion.
Debrett's House of Commons and Judicial Bench.
Debrett's Peerage.
Dentists' Register.
Emigrants' Information Office Handbook.
Englishwoman's Year Book.
Era Annual.
Essex Hall Year Book.
Financial Reform Almanack.
Foreign Office List.
Free Church Handbook.
Hazell's Annual.
Hazell's Annual Guide to House of Commons.
Hospitals and Charities (Burdett's).
India List.
Jamaica Handbook.
Jewish Year Book.
Kelly's Titled, Landed, and Official Classes.
Lancashire Congregational Calendar.
Law List.
Local Government Directory.
Local Government Officials' Dictionary (Knight's).
Manchester Diocesan Directory.
Manchester Official Handbook.
Manchester Royal Exchange Directory.
Medical Directory.
Medical Register.
Municipal Year Book.
Musical Directory.
Natal Civil Service List.
Naval Annual.
Navy List.
Navy List, Royal.
Parliamentary Companion (Dod's).
Presbyterian Church of England Handbook.
Sanitary Record Year Book.
Schoolmasters' Year Book.
Schools, Girls', Year Book.
Schools List (Paton's).
Schools, Public, Year Book.
Scientific and Learned Societies' Year Book.

Secretaries, Chartered, Institute, Proceedings, etc.
Statesman's Year Book.
Thom's Official Directory (Ireland).
Wesleyan Minutes of Conference.
Whitaker's Almanac.
Who's Who?
Who's Who Year Book.
World Almanac (New York).
Year's Art.

Any directory likely to be of value to the commercial community is added when it appears, and new editions of those already taken are obtained as soon as issued. Back volumes of many of them are also preserved, the most important sets being that of Manchester, dating from the first and unique directory issued by Mrs. Raffald, in 1771, and coming down to the present time, and those of London, Liverpool, and Dublin.

3. NEWSPAPER FILES.—Files of the following Manchester newspapers for the dates affixed, though many of the earlier volumes are incomplete:—

Manchester Magazine, 1737-60.
Lancashire Journal, 1738-40.
Anderton's Manchester Chronicle, 1762.
Harrop's Mercury, 1754-1821.
Prescott's Manchester Journal, 1738-40.
Wheeler's Chronicle, 1791-3, 1808-13, 1817-23, 1826, 1833-42.
Herald, 1792-3.
Cowdroy's Gazette, 1796-1827.
Exchange Herald, 1809-26.
British Volunteer, 1814-15, 1819.
Courier, 1817-19.
Observer, 1818-21.
Guardian, 1821-1907.
Courier, 1825-1907.
Times, 1828-37.
Advertiser, 1833-41, 1843-4, 1854-60.

Chronicle, 1839-41.
 Examiner and Times, 1847-52, 1857-94.
 Alliance News, 1854-1907.
 Weekly Guardian and Express, 1860-3.
 Weekly Times and Supplement, 1862-1907.
 City News, 1864-1907.
 Daily Journal, 1867.
 Gazette and Advertiser, 1873-4.
 Evening News, 1873-1907.
 Evening Mail, 1874-1902.
 Weekly Post, 1875-87.
 Courier Supplement, 1882-1907.
 North Times, 1882.
 Morning Star, 1882.
 Latest News, 1882.
 Umpire, 1884-1907.
 Sunday Chronicle, 1885-1907.
 Evening Chronicle, 1897-1907.
 Herald, 1899.
 Manchester Daily Dispatch, 1900-7.

There is also a file of the *Times* from early in the 19th century, and a complete set of the *London Gazette* from 1665.

4. **PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.**—The Parliamentary Papers, as issued by the Government from time to time during the Session, are purchased. A collection of these, extending to 3,000 volumes, and dating from 1819, is also on the shelves, but for dates previous to 1883 is very incomplete.

5. **PERIODICALS.**—The following is a list of those taken at present (1907):—

Abolitionist.	American Architect.
Academy.	American Folk-lore, Journal.
Accountant.	American Geographical Society, Journal.
African Society, Journal of.	American Historical Review.
Agriculture, Journal of the Board of.	American Journal of Science.
<i>Alpine Journal</i>	Amicitia.

- Analyst.
 Anglia, Beiblatt.
 Anglia. Zeitschrift für
 Englische Philologie.
 Annals of Botany.
 Annals of Natural History.
 Anthropologie.
 Antiquarian Notes.
 Antiquary.
 Archæologia Cambrensis.
 Archæological Journal.
 Architect.
 Army and Navy Gazette.
 Art Journal.
 Art Workers' Quarterly.
 Arte Italiana.
 Asiatic Quarterly Review.
 Astronomical Society, Royal,
 Monthly Notes.
 Athenæum.
 Atlantic Monthly.
 Author.
 Badminton Magazine.
 Bankers' Institute, Journal.
 Beehive.
 Berks., Bucks., and Oxon
 Archæological Journal.
 Berliner Architekturwelt.
 Biblical Archæology Society,
 Journal.
 Biblioſſia.
 Bibliotheca Sacra.
 Biometrika.
 Black and White.
 Blackwood's Magazine.
 Board of Trade Journal.
 Book Prices Current.
 Bookman.
 Book Monthly.
 Bookseller.
 Botanical Magazine.
 Botany, Journal of.
 British Archæological Asso-
 ciation, Journal.
 British Architect.
 British Journal of Photo-
 graphy.
 British Journal of Psychology
 British Medical Journal.
 Buddhism.
 Builder.
 Building News.
 Bulletin, Societe Geologique
 de France.
 Bulletin, Societe Industrielle
 de Mulhouse.
 Bulletin, Societe Industrielle
 de Rouen.
 Burlington Magazine.
 Cabinet Maker.
 Cassier's Magazine.
 Centralblatt für Biblio-
 thekswesen.
 Century.
 Chambers's Journal.
 Chemical Industry Journal.
 Chemical News.
 Chemical Society Journal.
 Chemical Trade Journal.
 Cheshire Notes and Queries.
 Children's Haven.
 Christian Science Magazine.
 Church Missionary Intelli-
 gencer.
 Church Quarterly Review.
 Churchman.
 Civil Engineers' Proceedings
 Classical Review.
 Clerk of Works Association
 Journal.
 College of Science, Tokio,
 Journal.
 Colliery Guardian.
 Conchology, Journal of.
 Connoisseur.
 Contemporary Review.
 Contract Journal.
 Cook's Excursionist.
 Co-operative News.
 Cornhill Magazine.
 Cosmopolitan.

- Cotton.
 Cotton Factory Times.
 Country Life.
 Critical Review.
 Daily Graphic.
 Decorative Art Journal.
 Deutsche Kunst und Dekoration.
 Deutsche Rundschau.
 Devoir.
 Devon Notes and Queries.
 Dickensian.
 Dinger's Polytechnisches Journal.
 Dublin Review.
 East Anglian.
 Economic Journal.
 Economics, Quarterly Journal of.
 Economist.
 Economistes, Journal des.
 Edinburgh Review.
 Education, Journal of.
 Educational Times.
 Ekonomisk Tidskrift.
 Electrical Engineer.
 Electrical Engineers, Institute of, Journal.
 Electrical Review.
 Electrician.
 Engineer.
 Engineering.
 Engineering Magazine.
 Engineering Review.
 Englische Studien.
 English Historical Review.
 English Illustrated Magazine.
 English Mechanic.
 Entomologist.
 Entomologists' Monthly Magazine.
 Era.
 Erin.
 España Moderna.
Esperantist.
 Ex-Libris Journal.
 Expositor.
 Faces and Places.
 Farben und Textil-Chemie.
 Field.
 Field Naturalists' Quarterly.
 Financial News.
 Folk Lore.
 Fortnightly Review.
 Forum.
 Free Sunday Advocate.
 Garden City.
 Gardener's Chronicle.
 Gardening.
 Gas Lighting, Journal of.
 Gas World.
 Genealogical Magazine.
 Genealogist.
 Gentleman's Magazine.
 Geographical Journal.
 Geological Magazine.
 Geological Society, Quarterly Journal of.
 Giornale Dantesco.
 Gloucester Notes and Queries.
 Graphic.
 Guardian.
 Guild Journal.
 Harper's Monthly Magazine.
 Harvest.
 Hermathena.
 Hibbert Journal.
 Homœopathic Review.
 Hong Kong Government Gazette.
 Horological Journal.
 Humane Review.
 Humanitarian.
 Hygiene, Journal of.
 Ibis: Ornithology.
 Ideas.
 Illustrated London News.
 Imperial Institute Journal.
 Incorporated Accountants Journal.

- Independent Review.
 Indian Art and Industry
 Journal of.
 India Rubber Journal.
 Inquirer.
 Intermédiaire.
 International Journal of
 Ethics.
 Interpreter.
 Investors' Monthly Manual.
 Investors' Review.
 Jewish Quarterly.
 Knowledge.
 Labour Co-partnership.
 Labour Gazette.
 Lancet.
 Law Quarterly Review.
 Law Times.
 Law Times Reports.
 Liberator.
 Liberty Review.
 Library.
 Library Assistant.
 Library Association Record.
 Library Index.
 Library Journal.
 Library World.
 Lincolnshire Notes and
 Queries.
 Literary Guide.
 Literary World.
 Liverpool Mercury.
 Local Government Journal.
 London Gazette.
 London Quarterly.
 Macmillan's Magazine.
 Machinery Market.
 Magazine of Commerce.
 Malacological Society's Pro-
 ceedings.
 Manchester Chamber of
 Commerce Record.
 Manchester City News.
 Manchester Council, Pro-
 ceedings.
 Manchester Corporation,
 Proceedings of Com-
 mittees.
 Manchester Courier.
 Manchester Daily Dispatch.
 Manchester Diocesan Maga-
 zine.
 Manchester Evening Chro-
 nicle.
 Manchester Evening News.
 Manchester Geographical So-
 ciety, Journal.
 Manchester Geological So-
 ciety, Transactions.
 Manchester Guardian.
 Manchester Journal of Com-
 merce.
 Manchester Postal Guide.
 Manchester Programme.
 Manchester Quarterly.
 Manchester University Ma-
 gazine.
 Manchester Weekly Times.
 Mariner.
 Mechanical Engineer.
 Mechanical Engineers' Pro-
 ceedings.
 Mechanical World.
 Medical Chronicle.
 Medical Guild Quarterly.
 Medical Student's Gazette.
 Memoirs and Proceedings of
 Manchester Literary and
 Philosophical Society.
 Meteorological Magazine.
 Microscopical Science, Jour-
 nal.
 Millgate Monthly.
 Mind.
 Mineralogical Magazine.
 Mining Engineering.
 Mining Journal.
 Modern Astrology.
 Modern Language Review.
 Monde Moderne.

- Money Market Review.
 Monthly Review.
 Municipal Journal.
 Musical Herald.
 Musical Times.
 Musical World.
 Musicians' Report.
 Nation (London).
 Nation (New York).
 National Home Reading
 Union Magazine.
 National Review.
 National Œkonomisk Tidss-
 krift.
 Naturalist.
 Nature.
 Nature Notes.
 New Church Magazine.
 New England Historical and
 Genealogical Register.
 New Ireland Review.
 Nineteenth Century.
 North American Review.
 Northern Notes and Queries.
 Notes and Queries.
 Numismatic Chronicle.
 Nuova Antologia.
 Oddfellows' Magazine.
 Oesterreichische Chemiker
 Zeitung.
 Old Wales.
 On Tour.
 Outlook.
 Pall Mall Magazine.
 Paper Maker.
 Petermann's Mittheilungen.
 Pharmaceutical Journal.
 Philology, Journal of.
 Philosophical Magazine.
 Phonetic Journal.
 Phrenological Magazine.
 Physiology, Journal of.
 Polybiblion, Revue Biblio-
 graphique Universelle.
Popular Science Monthly.
 Positivist Review.
 Post Office Guide.
 Progress.
 Psychical Research Society
 Proceedings.
 Public Health.
 Public Health Engineer.
 Public Libraries.
 Publisher's Circular.
 Punch.
 Quarterly Reminder.
 Quarterly Review.
 Railway News.
 Reliquary and Illustrated
 Archæologist.
 Reporter's Journal.
 Review of Reviews.
 Revisita d'Italia.
 Revue Celtique.
 Revue des Deux Mondes.
 Ross's Parliamentary Re-
 cord.
 Royal Agricultural Society
 Journal.
 Royal Asiatic Society
 Journal.
 Royal Colonial Institute
 Journal.
 Royal Institute British Ar-
 chitects' Journal.
 Royal Microscopical Society
 Journal.
 Royal Society Proceedings.
 Royal Statistical Society
 Journal.
 Sale Prices.
 Salford Chronicle.
 Salford Council Proceedings.
 Salford Reporter.
 Sanitary Record.
 Saturday Review.
 School.
 School Government Chronicle.
 Schoolmaster.
 Science Abstracts.

Science Progress.	Textile Manufacturer.
Scientific American.	Textile Mercury.
Scientific Roll.	Textile Recorder.
Scottish Historical Review.	Theology and Philosophy.
Scribner's Magazine.	Review.
Script Phonographic Journal.	Times.
Secretary.	Times, Index to.
Sketch.	Truth.
Social und Wirtschafts-Ges-	Tuberculosis.
chicht.	Uber Land und Meer.
Society of Arts Journal.	Ulster Journal of Archæo-
Somerset and Dorset Notes	logy.
and Queries.	Ulula.
South Australian Govern-	Umpire.
ment Gazette.	University Correspondent.
Spectator.	University Review.
Sphere.	Vaccination Enquirer.
Sporting Chronicle.	Vegetarian Messenger.
Statist.	Vulcan.
Stonyhurst Magazine.	Weather Reports.
Strand Magazine.	Westminster Review.
Student's Journal.	Windsor Magazine.
Studio.	World's Carriers.
Sunday Chronicle.	World's Work.
Tablet.	Yorkshire Archæological
Tariff Reform Notes.	Journal.
Technical and Secondary	Yorkshire Notes and Queries.
Education Record.	Zoologist.
Textile Journal.	

The bound volumes of the majority of these periodicals, of which, in most cases, complete sets are in the library, may also be consulted in this room.

The Reference Library contains a few manuscripts, some interesting specimens of early printing, and a number of rare books, but the strength of the collection lies in the modern and standard works, which include many important and costly illustrated books on architecture, botany,

decoration and design, painting and sculpture, and the fine arts generally; as well as the best books in history, archæology, topography, science, mechanical arts, politics, theology, poetry, and other departments of literature.

Descriptive accounts of the Owen and Hibbert-Ware manuscripts, and a detailed list of the other manuscripts preserved in the library, will be found on pages 247-255 of Mr. Credland's "History of the Manchester Public Free Libraries."

Since 1899 the following have been added:—

- Addison (Thomas Batty) Notes on wills, pedigrees, etc., chiefly of Lancashire persons, from 1760-1860. Fol.
- Clarke (Joseph) Parochial register. Collections for a history of Stretford. Made by Joseph Clarke, incumbent of Stretford 1839-1860. With additions by David Kelly.
- Close (William) Itinerary of Furness and the environs [circa 1810]. Sm. 4to.
- Evans (John) History of St. John's Church, Manchester. 11 vols. 8vo.
- Graham (John) Chemistry of calico printing 1790-1836, and history of print works in the Manchester district 1760-1846.
- Hawkes (T.) Observations on the cotton trade of Manchester. Bk. 1. 1787.
- On the cottons from the various parts of Turkey.
- Heywood (Oliver) Soliloquies. 1653-1682. 18mo.
- Hopkinson (John) Lancashire collections. Copied in the 18th century from a MS. collected and transcribed by John Hopkinson 1671.
- Manchester Collegiate Church [Cathedral] Documents relating to the emoluments of the chaplains. 1618-1854. Fol.
- Manchester. General defence fund, 1803. Accounts and papers of the Committee appointed for appropriating the Fund subscribed for General Defence, 1803. 3 vols.
- Manchester Mechanics' Institution. Visitors' book, 1835-1885.

- Manchester. Miscellaneous papers relating to Manchester, being the copy of public advertisements appearing in Harrop's "Mercury," circa 1784-1791. Fol.
- Manchester. Nicholson's Charity. Accounts of Ellen Nicholson's charity, 1744-1848. Sm. 4to.
- Manchester Prince's Club. Strangers' Introduction Book, 1863-1871. Fol.
- Rogerson (John Bolton) compiler. Poetical scrap book. 12mo.
- Walmsley of Dunkenhalth, family account book, 1670-1685. Fol.
- Withington Amalgamation League. Minute book and account book, 1902-4. Fol.
- Withington Amalgamation League. Miscellaneous papers, 1902-4. Fol.

EARLY PRINTED AND RARE BOOKS.

The titles of the books in the library printed before 1520, arranged in chronological order, and of a selection of other rare or curious works, arranged alphabetically, are as follows :—

PRINTED BEFORE 1520.

- Biblia Latina. [Old Testament.] Basil. Richel. 1473.
- Carchano, M. de M. Sermones. Basilæ. 1479.
- Valla, Lau. De Linguae Latinæ elegantia. Venet. 1480.
- Voragine, J. de. Legenda sanctorum. 1481.
- Biblia. "Fontibus ex Græcis, &c." 1481.
- Statuta Provincialia Dioecesis Constantiensis. Spiræ. 1482.
- The Golden Legend. 1st edit. Westminster: Wm. Caxton. 1483.
- Parentinis, B. de. Lilium siue elucidarius difficultatum circa officium misse. Coloñ. 1484.
- Guido de Monte Rocherii. Manipulus curatorum. 1484.
- Platina. Vitæ Pontificum. Venet. 1485.
- Rolewinck, W. Fasciculus temporum. Argent. 1488.
- Seneca, L. A. Opera Omnia. Venet. 1492.
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 Phonetic Journal (All except B. O. G. O.)
 Pitman's Shorthand Weekly (E. N.)
 Poor Law Officers' Journal (I. N.)
 Positivist Review (C. H. K. L. M. R. S.)
 Post Magazine (F.)
 Postal Guides (All Branches)
 Practical Engineer (C. N. Q.)
 Preston Guardian (A. D. F. H. K. R.)
 Preston Herald (F.)
 Printers' Engineer (H.)
 Printers' Register (H.)
 Punch (All Branches)
 Quarterly Reminder (E. F. K. O. R.)
 Queen (All except C. R.)
 Quiver (All except C. G. J. N. O.)
 Railway Clerk (All except B. E. J. L. N. O.)
 Railway Engineer (Q.)
 Railway Guides and Time Tables (All Branches)
 Railway Magazine (Q.)
 Railway News (F. I. K.)
 Railway Review (A. F. J. M. P.)
 Reading Mercury (K.)
Rehabite Magazine (All Branches)

Rechabite Magazine, Juvenile (All Branches)
Record (K.)
Reporters' Journal (A. D. F. H.)
Reporters' Magazine (F.)
Review of Reviews (All Branches)
Rhyl Record (H.)
Rochdale Observer (D. F.)
Rosary (R.)
St. James Gazette and Evening Standard (A. E. F. H. I.
K. L. M. P. Q. R. S.)
St. Nicholas (A. D. F. H. I. K. L. M. P. Q. R. S.)
Sales and Wants (H.)
Salford Chronicle (D. H.)
Sanitary Record (K.)
Saturday Review (All except C. J. N. O.)
Schoolmaster (All except C. E. G. L.)
Scientific American (A. D. F. H. I. K. M. N. P. Q. R. S.)
Scotsman (All except C. G. O.)
Scribner's Magazine (A. B. D. F. H. I. K. L. M. P. Q. R. S.)
Script Phonographic Journal (M.)
Sheffield Daily Telegraph (A. B. D. F. H. J. K. N. P. Q. R. S.)
Shepherds' Magazine (A. C. D. E. F. H. J. K. N.)
Ship Builder (E. H. K. Q.)
Shipping Gazette (H.)
Shop Assistant (K.)
Shorthand Magazine (Q. R.)
Shorthand Reporter (K.)
Skegness Herald (H.)
Sketch (All Branches)
Social Reform (M.)
Socialist Standard (All except G. H. J.)
Sons of Temperance (All Branches)
South Manchester Chronicle (M. N. S.)
South Wales Daily News (F.)
Southern Field (C. E. F. G. H. O. S.)
Spectator (All Branches)
Sphere (All except C. E. G. H. L. O.)
Staffordshire Sentinel (Q.)
Stamp Collector (H.)
Standard (All except G. O.)
Stationery Trades Journal (K.)
Stationery World (H.)
Strand Magazine (All Branches)
Studio (A.)
Sunday (A. D. E. F. I. K. L. M. P. Q. R.)
Sunday at Home (All Branches)

Sunday Closing Reporter (A. D. I. M. S.)
 Sunshine (A. B. D. F. I. K. L. Q. R.)
 T.P.'s Weekly (K.)
 Tablet (A. B. D. H. I. K. M. P. Q. R. S.)
 Tariff Reform, Monthly Notes (All Branches)
 Temperance Chronicle (All except F. J. N.)
 Textile Mercury (H. N.)
 Textile Recorder (M.)
 Times (All Branches)
 Tribune (D. K. M. S.)
 Truth (All Branches)
 Two Worlds (All Branches)
 Universal Exchange (S.)
 Vaccination Inquirer (All except B. G. J.)
 Vegetarian Messenger (All Branches)
 Vulcan (H. K. M.)
 Warrington Guardian (H.)
 Welsh Coast Pioneer (H.)
 Welsh Gazette (K.)
 Welsh Nation (H. K. N.)
 Westminster Gazette (All except E. G. N. O.)
 White Cross (A. D. E. K. M. O. R.)
 Windsor Magazine (All except N. O.)
 Woman at Home (A. B. K. S.)
 Women's Trade Union Review (D.)
 Wood Worker (All except H. Q.)
 Worcester Herald (K.)
 Work (All except G. N.)
 World (B. D. E. F. H. K. L. M. P. Q. R. S.)
 World's Work (K.)
 Yorkshire Observer (H.)
 Yorkshire Post (All except C. E. L. O. P.)
 Young Days (A. B. D. F. I. K. L. P. R.)
 Young Man (All except G. O.)
 Young People's Magazine (R.)
 Young Woman (All except G. O.)
 Zoophilist (P.)

Some of the periodicals of a popular nature are bound when the volumes are complete, and added to the stock of the library. Several newspapers are also kept on file for some time, *and a directory of Manchester, lists of voters,*

encyclopædias, and a large selection of other works of reference and of books for general reading is provided at each library. The news-rooms are open every week-day from 8-30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Books can be obtained from the library to read in the newsroom during the whole time that it is open.

JUVENILES' ROOMS.

The rooms set apart for boys and girls are each provided with a selection of about 500 volumes of books especially suitable for perusal by them, and a number of carefully selected periodicals. These rooms are open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening, Sundays included.

DEANSGATE BRANCH.

This library, the first of the lending libraries, was opened at Campfield, in the same building, and at the same time as the Reference Library, namely, September 6th, 1852. In 1877, the building being found to be in an insecure state was closed, and the books of both departments were removed and stored in unused rooms at the Old Town Hall. There the books belonging to this library remained for four years. In the meantime the old building and site were sold to the Markets Committee, and an arrangement entered into with that Committee to erect, at their joint expense, on a site fronting Deansgate, a building which should serve for the

library, and also as an improvement to the market entrance. Designs prepared by the City Surveyor were approved, and the work was carried out under his direction. The ground floor consists of shops, and in the centre of the Deansgate façade is a wide entrance to the New Market. To the right of this is the entrance to the library, giving admission to a hall, from which a broad staircase leads to the rooms forming the library. The newsroom, in which the work of the lending department is also carried on, is very lofty, and is 72 feet long by 54 feet wide. It has accommodation for about 230 persons. The walls are hung with auto-types and engravings, and the general effect is bright and attractive. Opposite to the newsroom is another reading-room, similar in style but much smaller, being 50 feet by 36 feet. It was originally used as a boys' room, but now contains the Patent Library. The cost of the library, including fittings, was £12,000.

The building was opened by a public meeting within its walls on April 5th, 1882, at which Alderman Thomas Baker, the chairman of the Committee, and at that time Mayor of Manchester, presided. The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, by Mr. James Crossley, and Councillor James Croston.

There is now a daily issue to readers and borrowers of over 325 volumes, and an average

attendance of readers in the newsroom of 1,500. The library contains 22,000 volumes.

HULME BRANCH.

The Hulme Branch Library was housed at 221, Stretford Road, until January, 1860, when, the premises becoming too small for the rapidly-increasing use made of the library, it was removed to 292 in the same street. At that time the number of volumes in the library was 4,367, and the issues during the year numbered 64,598.

The institution steadily increased in usefulness and public estimation, and it was not many years before the additional accommodation provided was found to be inadequate. The Committee then decided to erect a building of their own. A plot adjoining the Hulme Town Hall was secured, a handsome structure was raised thereon, and opened by public meeting on June 15th, 1866.

At that meeting the Chairman of the Committee (Councillor Baker) said that—"It had been recorded that when the poll was taken in Hulme for the adoption of the Free Libraries Act in Manchester, six ratepayers voted at the township office against it. He wished those six persons were present that they might hear the statement he had made as to the success of free libraries here; for if they did, he felt sure they would admit themselves in error, and would make every effort to establish them now

where not established. The design of the new building originated in the Surveyor's Department of the Manchester Town Hall. How well it was adapted for the purpose had been mentioned to him by many persons that night. £4,000 was the amount which had been spent in its erection and internal fittings, and the land was subject to a chief rent of £50."

The building is in the Italian style and of brick, with front elevation of stone. The interior is divided by a glass screen into two parts, the one nearest the entrance forming the library, and the other, which is reached by passing through the library, forms the newsroom. The newsroom is a spacious hall about 47 by 43 feet, open to the roof and lighted on three sides. Stands, on which newspapers are placed, run round the walls. Tables are also ranged along the centre, on which upwards of 120 current numbers of periodicals are placed, and the bareness of the walls is relieved by a number of engravings.

The accommodation, which was more than ample when the building was opened in 1866, has again become inadequate, and the Committee have, by way of relieving the pressure to some extent, formed a juveniles' reading-room in the basement. This room, which was opened on September 6th, 1880, provides for over 200 children.

According to the last report the number of

volumes in the library was 22,500, and the issues to borrowers 168,500. Besides these, 4,500 volumes were given to persons to read in the newsroom, and 108,900 volumes were used in the juveniles' room, making a total issue of 281,900 volumes, being nearly 800 per day.

ANCOATS BRANCH.

In 1867 this library was removed from 190, Great Ancoats Street, to a building in Every Street, which had been erected from the designs of Mr. Alfred Waterhouse. The building is of brick, with stone facings, and is in the Gothic style. The newsroom is 60 feet long by 38 feet 6 inches wide, and open to the roof, which is of timber-work. A fine window occupies almost the whole of the end wall.

The library is separated by a glass screen from the newsroom, and has shelf-room for 18,000 volumes. A room above the library is used as a boys' reading-room, and it will seat about 150 lads. This was opened in January, 1878, and was the first of its kind in Manchester. The last returns show that the number of volumes now in the library is 17,200, and the number issued to borrowers and readers, including boys, was 147,000, or about 400 per day.

ROCHDALE ROAD BRANCH.

The building for the Rochdale Road branch was opened by public meeting on June 4th, 1860, Coun-

cillor Rawson, then Chairman of the Committee, being in the chair, and addresses were given by the Mayor (Ivie Mackie, Esq.), Professor Greenwood, of Owens College, and others.

In 1870 the building was enlarged by including in it the portion which had previously been used as the dwelling of the librarian. Again in 1885 it was found necessary to increase the accommodation, which was done by the removal of some houses adjoining the building. A juveniles' room was also formed beneath the newsroom extension, and opened on October 12th, 1885. Owing to the neighbourhood being densely populated, poor, and possessing few useful and pleasant places of resort, the newsroom, even with the present much enhanced accommodation, is often inconveniently crowded during the greater part of the evening.

The number of volumes in the library is 18,500, the issues to readers and borrowers during the year 1905-6 being 129,000, or 350 per day. The daily attendance in the newsroom averages 1,500.

CHORLTON AND ARDWICK BRANCH.

The Chorlton and Ardwick branch was opened in 1866. In this case no effort on a small scale had been previously made to test the wants of the district, as the Committee were convinced of the existence of an adequate demand on the resources of *any* library which they might establish there.

Accordingly a spacious building in Rusholme Road, which had been used as a Sunday school, was purchased, and altered from the designs of Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, at a cost of about £4,000. The library was opened by public meeting on October 6th, 1866, the chair being occupied by Councillor Baker. There were present, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Right Hon. Austin Bruce (afterwards Lord Aberdare), Mr. Edwin James, Q.C., M.P., Sir Eardley Wilmot, Mr. (afterwards Sir) William Fairbairn, and other gentlemen.

The interior of the building, like that in the Hulme branch, is separated by a glass partition into a library and newsroom. The latter, however, differs from the reading-rooms of the other branch libraries in being provided with alcoves for the reading stands. This was necessitated by the shape of the land at the disposal of the architect, and though picturesque in appearance, is difficult to supervise. This library can shelve about 20,000 volumes. A large room above the library, originally intended for a lecture hall, was converted into a juveniles' reading-room, and opened in November, 1878. The library commenced with nearly 5,000 volumes, and the number of volumes has increased to 18,000. During the year 1905-6 128,000 volumes were issued to the public, for home reading and in the reading-rooms.

CHEETHAM BRANCH.

On the 29th January, 1873, this branch library was opened in premises previously used as a school in York Street, Cheetham. The library was started with 5,335 volumes of well-chosen literature, and the first year's working showed an issue to readers and borrowers of 63,347 volumes, or 215 per day.

Soon after the opening it became evident that a building entirely given up to library purposes was necessary to meet the requirements of the district. With the view to its provision, communications were, in 1874, opened with Lord Derby, a large landowner in the district. He offered to present a site for the erection of a branch library in one of the side streets from the main road. This was not deemed suitable, and his lordship agreed to a suggestion that he should sell to the Committee a plot of land on the main road, and deduct from the price of it the value of the land he had offered to give. A site of nearly 700 square yards was thus secured for the sum of £700, and on May 11th, 1876, the foundation stone of a new library was laid by Alderman Baker. An ornamental building of brick, with stone front, was erected from the designs of Messrs. Barker and Ellis, at a cost of rather less than £10,000. The interior consists of one large room, 92 feet 10 inches by 58 feet 10 inches, open to the roof, and partly lighted therefrom. There is no

separation between the library and newsroom. The building was completed in February, 1878, and as the alterations requisite for the Reference Library were finished about the same time, it was decided to throw open both institutions on the same day. Accordingly a public meeting was held in the Cheetham branch on February 11th, the chair being taken by the vice-chairman of the Committee, Alderman Worthington, and the library was declared open. A juveniles' room was subsequently formed in the basement, and opened on December 19th, 1883.

The number of volumes in this branch is now 21,000, and the number used by readers and borrowers in 1905-6 was 130,000, or nearly 360 per day.


NEWTON HEATH BRANCH.

Newton Heath was the first of the new districts which received the attention of the Committee after the extension of the city boundaries. There they undertook the completion of the library which formed part of a building under construction by the Local Board, for municipal purposes, at the time of incorporation. This library was opened on September 28th, 1891, with 4,828 volumes, a considerable portion of them having been purchased out of the proceeds of a subscription of £240 raised by *residents in the neighbourhood.*

The Newton Heath Free Library owes its origin to a movement began in April, 1886, when a meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist School, Dean Lane, for the purpose of considering the best means of aiding science-teaching in the township. Eventually a requisition was presented to the Local Board in favour of the adoption of the Libraries Acts. At the town's meeting, which was held on 13th December, 1886, a resolution was passed adopting the Acts, and upon a poll being demanded, the ratepayers confirmed the decision of the meeting.

The Local Board afterwards resolved to erect a group of Township Buildings, to include Public Baths and a Public Assembly Hall, in addition to a Free Library and a School of Science and Art. Designs for these buildings having been submitted, the Board selected those of Mr. Lawrence Booth (Messrs. Booth and Chadwick, of Manchester); and Messrs. William Southern and Sons, of Salford, were appointed as builders.

In addition to 4,417 volumes provided for borrowers, 300 volumes were placed for the use of juveniles in their special reading-room, and in the general reading-room a bookcase containing 112 volumes of encyclopædias, dictionaries, and other books of reference is placed. This room, which is furnished with an ample supply of the most



popular magazines and newspapers of the day, is also provided with celestial and terrestrial globes.

The inauguration of this branch, which took place on the evening of Monday, 28th of September, 1891, was an especially noteworthy event, as it was the first of a series of libraries to be opened in the districts added to the city by the Incorporation Act of 1890, and marked the beginning of a great development of the system, and therefore a much wider diffusion of the educational and recreative benefits of the public libraries.

There are now 8,550 volumes in the library, and the total issue during 1905-6 was 68,213.

RUSHOLME BRANCH.

Whilst busy with the Newton Heath branch, the Committee had the gratification of receiving from the Trustees of the Longsight Mechanics' Institution and of the Rusholme Public Hall, both situated in newly-added districts, offers to transfer their properties to the Corporation for the purpose of conversion into free libraries. Both offers were accepted, and the buildings adapted for their new services. The Rusholme branch was opened on April 30th, 1892, and the Longsight branch on July 23rd of the same year.

The Rusholme Public Hall and Library commenced its career in hired rooms in 1850, the building in

which the Free Library is now located being opened in 1860.

For more than thirty years a good reading-room and library were provided for a small subscription, a boys' day school was successfully carried on, a savings bank was efficiently worked, and a large room was available for concerts, public meetings, and like purposes, at a reasonable rental. Other recreative departments, a gymnasium, bowling alley, and billiard-room, were from time to time added, and, becoming attractive features, retained their popularity for many years.

A gradual but marked decrease in the number of subscribers made the Directors anxious about the future of the hall, and after mature consideration they decided to recommend its conversion into a free library and reading-room under the Manchester Corporation, hoping that thereby its usefulness would be increased, and that it would prove a great boon to the district. The proposal being favourably received by the Free Libraries Committee, the building was formally transferred to their charge, and was, after some needful structural alterations, opened as a public library on April, 1892, by Sir Henry Roscoe, in the presence of a large gathering of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, Alderman Sir B. T. Leech, then Mayor of Manchester, being in the chair.

The library contains 12,000 volumes, and the

issue of them to readers in 1905-6 amounted to 109,000, being about 300 per day.

LONGSIGHT BRANCH.

It was in 1854 that the establishment of a Literary and Mechanics' Institution for Longsight was first attempted. Meetings were held in August and December in that year, and it was resolved to form such an institution. Premises were taken, and the opening tea party was held on Easter Monday, 9th April, 1855, with Mr. Robert Rumney in the chair, and among the speakers was Mr. Harry Rawson. In a short time the original quarters proved too small, and in July, 1858, the foundation stone of the present building was laid by Mr. Ivie Mackie, Mayor of Manchester, who also presided at its formal opening on 1st March, 1859. The cost amounted to about £2,000, over £900 of which was raised by a bazaar—the rest coming from public subscriptions.

The Mechanics' Institution was the most important educational agency in the district for many years, embracing, as it did, library, reading-room, elementary school, and classes for foreign languages and more advanced subjects. Many excellent series of concerts, lectures, and high-class entertainments were provided during the early part of its history. Its popularity, however, slowly declined, and ultimately, in December, 1890, the

Trustees resolved to offer their property to the Manchester Corporation for the purposes of a public library. Their offer was accepted, and on July 23rd, 1892, the new branch was opened by Mr. Alexander Ireland. The accommodation first provided was considerably increased in 1895.

There are 11,000 volumes in the library, and the turnover is unusually large, upward of 135,000 issues being made to readers in the year 1905-6.

GORTON BRANCH.

The next building ready for dedication to the public service was the Gorton branch. In the presence of a large number of interested spectators, and with Councillor J. W. Southern, then Chairman of the Libraries Committee, presiding, the new library was opened on Saturday afternoon, May 5th, 1894, by Dr. A. W. Ward, then the Principal of Owens College. The new building is situated at the junction of Gorton Lane and Belle Vue Street, West Gorton. The shape of the site suggested an octagonal plan for a portion of the building, and this was adopted. The ground floor is 6 ft. above the street level to give light to the basement floor, in which is a juveniles' reading-room, book store, and heating apparatus. The entrance to the building is in Belle Vue Street, and *a wide staircase* leads up to the first floor and down

to the basement, the staircase hall having an octagonal end, with large windows lighted from the area. To the left of the entrance on the ground floor is the library, which, with the rooms for the attendants, occupies the whole of that storey. It is well lighted with large windows on all sides. The first floor is entirely occupied by the reading-room, and is fitted up with newspaper racks and reading tables, and a small bookcase for reference books. A feature has been made of the octagonal, which is crowned by a square clock turret, containing a clock having four dials. The cost of the building and fittings was about £4,100, and the whole of the work was carried out from the designs and under the superintendence of Messrs. J. W. and R. F. Beaumont, architects, Manchester. The library is furnished with 9,500 volumes. The reading-room has a collection of encyclopædias, dictionaries, and other works of reference freely accessible, and is also furnished with an ample supply of the most popular magazines and newspapers of the day.

According to the last returns the total issues were 95,000, being about 270 per day.

OPENSHAW BRANCH.

The fine range of municipal buildings erected in Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, on a site adjoining the Whitworth Baths, and provided jointly by the

Manchester Corporation and the Legatees of the late Sir Joseph Whitworth, were opened on Saturday afternoon, July 7th, 1894, by Mr. R. C. Christie, M.A., one of the Legatees, and late Chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester. In the buildings there is provided a library containing space for 20,000 volumes, a public hall, a technical school, and what is a departure in municipal buildings, a coffee-room and chess and billiard rooms. The total cost, including the site, was about £15,000, and towards this the Whitworth Legatees contributed £8,500.

The library building is entered from Ashton Old Road, and comprises a library, reading-room, and juveniles' room, which has a separate entrance from a side street.

These rooms are divided from one another by glazed screens, which ensure complete superintendence of all parts of the rooms by the attendants in the library. The library is lighted from large windows looking into Ashton Old Road, and the bookcases are fixed at right angles to the windows. The reading-room is in two parts, the larger part being 60 feet by 30 feet and the smaller part 47 feet by 9 feet, divided from one another by an arcade of four semi-circular arches carved on polished granite columns. The larger part has an open timber roof. Newspaper racks are fixed on both *sides of the room*, and two rows of reading tables,

accommodating about 90 readers, fill the larger part of it. The juveniles' room contains seats for 120 readers, and both girls and boys are admitted.

The coffee room, games room, and smoke and billiard rooms occupy the front of the building, and are very spacious and comfortable. The billiard-room is furnished with three full-sized tables, and is a source of revenue, as a small charge for each game is made, but the coffee room is not now used for its original purpose.

The library contains 12,000 volumes, and the issues during 1905-6 were 112,000, a daily average of 310.

MOSTON BRANCH.

On February 5th, 1898, the library contained in the Simpson Memorial School, Moston, was dedicated to the public of Manchester. This library was established in 1888 for the use of the members of the Simpson Institute, and the trustees, hoping thereby to extend its usefulness, transferred the admirably-appointed reading-room and library, together with about 800 volumes of well-chosen books, to the Libraries Committee. About 500 new books were added to the stock, and the inhabitants of the district have indicated their appreciation of the institution by creating a turnover of some 17,500 volumes during the year 1905-6.

BLACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INSTITUTE.

Also in 1898 the David Lewis Trustees offered to present to the Libraries Committee £5,000 towards the cost of erecting a library and public hall upon a portion of the recreation ground adjoining Boggart Hole Clough, which they had previously presented to the city. Their principal object was to afford facilities for the entertainment and recreation of children and the younger folk of the district. The offer was accepted, with the result that a block of handsome buildings was erected from designs by Mr. John Gibbons, architect. The series contains a public library, newsroom, and reading-rooms for boys and girls, a public hall capable of seating 400 persons, a recreation-room, refreshment-room, boys' and girls' playrooms, and two "fives" courts. The cost was £10,727, and of this expenditure £5,500 was borne by the Libraries Committee. The library and institute were opened on October 10th, 1901, Mr. Benn W. Levy, the Chairman of the Lewis Trustees, taking the leading part in the proceedings, and delivering an address mainly on the necessity and value of reading and recreation to the young.

The library possesses 9,000 volumes, and the issues to readers and borrowers, as shown in the last report, were 105,000—that is about 290 per day.

MOSS SIDE BRANCH.

Owing to the amalgamation of the Urban District of Moss Side with Manchester in 1904, the public library already established in the district became the property of the Manchester Libraries Committee, and is now the Moss Side branch. The library building was erected in 1896, from plans and designs by Mr. W. R. Acton, then Surveyor to the District Council. The cost of the building, £3,683, was defrayed by loan, the land for the site being presented by the Council.

The building, containing reference, lending library and newsroom, a basement available for classrooms and small meetings, and an upper storey suitable for public meetings, lectures and concerts, was opened by the Duke of Argyll, on May 8th, 1897.

The library has received many valuable donations, and possesses some interesting special collections of books. Over 1,000 volumes were presented by the Moss Side Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Committee, and the Gaskell, Brontë, and De Quincey libraries are unique in their extent and importance. Special catalogues of these collections are provided, that of the Brontë library being printed at the expense of Mr. J. J. Gleave.

The library contains over 10,000 volumes, and the issues in 1905-6 were 74,200.

READING-ROOMS.

In 1887 the Committee made a new departure in their policy with regard to branch libraries. Some of the small townships outside the borough boundary had been added to the city, and they naturally desired to have the advantages of the Free Library system extended to them. The Committee found it impossible to comply with this desire in its entirety, owing to the then restricted nature of their income. Therefore they decided to provide reading-rooms, supplied with newspapers and periodicals and a few hundred books for reading on the premises. Rooms of this kind were opened in Bradford, Harpurhey, and Hyde Road, and to these have since been added other rooms situated in Chester Road and Crescent Road, Crumpsall. These rooms are supplied with a selection of newspapers and periodicals, as detailed in the list printed on page 69.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

For the further convenience of readers, particularly those who do not reside near any of the lending libraries, the five reading-rooms have been constituted "Delivery Stations," at which readers may have books delivered to them from the nearest *lending library*, thus saving them the necessity of

journeying to the library. Books applied for at any of these rooms before 10 o'clock a.m., can be called for after 12 o'clock on the same day, but if applied for after 10 they will not be obtainable until after 12 on the following day.

**AGGREGATE USE OF THE LIBRARIES AND READING
ROOMS DURING THE YEAR 1905-6.**

Books used by Borrowers.....	1,224,353
Estimated number of Visitors to the News Rooms and Reading Rooms	4,655,282
Number of Users of the Reference Library	392,695
Number of Users of the Juveniles' Rooms	645,278
Total	6,917,608
Daily Average	19,432

The Library Staff.

The Staff consists of a Chief Librarian, Deputy Chief Librarian, a Superintendent of Branches, an Assistant Librarian of the Reference Library, thirteen Librarians of the Branch Libraries (four being women), and the following 111 assistants and 50 other employees :—

REFERENCE LIBRARY	Male Assistants ..	19
	Female Assistants ..	1
	Binders	2
	Porters	7
	Cleaners	3
ANCOATS—	Female Assistants	6
	One Porter and one Cleaner...	2
BLACKLEY—	Female Assistants	5
	One Porter and two Cleaners..	3
BRADFORD—	Female Assistants	3
	One Hall keeper	1
CHEETHAM—	Female Assistants	6
	One Porter and two Cleaners..	3
CHESTER ROAD—	Female Assistants	3
	One Cleaner	1
CHORLTON—	Female Assistants	6
	One Porter and one Cleaner...	2
CRUMPSALL—	Female Assistants	2
	One Hall-keeper	1
DEANSGATE—	Female Assistants	8
	One Porter and two Cleaners..	3
GORTON—	Female Assistants	5
	One Porter and one Cleaner...	2
HARPURHEY—	Female Assistants	2
	One Cleaner	1

HULME—	Female Assistants	9
	One Porter and two Cleaners..	3
HYDE ROAD—	Female Assistants	3
	One Cleaner	1
LONGSIGHT—	Female Assistants	7
	One Porter and one Cleaner...	2
MOSS SIDE—	Female Assistants	5
	One Cleaner	1
MOSTON—	Female Assistants	2
	One Porter	1
NEWTON HEATH—	Female Assistants	4
	One Porter and one Cleaner...	2
OPENSHAW—	Female Assistants	5
	Two Porters and two Cleaners	4
ROCHDALE ROAD—	Female Assistants	5
	One Porter and two Cleaners..	3
RUSHOLME—	Female Assistants	5
	One Porter and one Cleaner...	2

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BYE-LAWS.

In the measures and methods adopted for working the public libraries modifications and changes have been made from time to time as experience was acquired, or a more liberal spirit prevailed. At their commencement the Reference Library was open to the public every day, except Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, from ten in the morning to nine at night, and the Lending Library from noon to two o'clock, and from six to nine in the evening, except on Saturdays, when the library was open from twelve to nine. Now the Reference

Library is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every week day, the additional hour of access both morning and evening having been adopted in 1886, and also on Sundays from two to nine o'clock. It is closed only on Christmas Day and Good Friday. With the growth of the branch library and newsroom system the hours during which the institutions are open, and in which the business connected with them is transacted, have necessarily completely changed, and will be found detailed in the "Directions to Readers and Borrowers," given on page 107.

The clumsy process of causing all persons on entering the library to write their names and addresses in a book provided for the purpose, and only allowing them to receive books after such signature was obtained, formed one of Mr. Edwards's "Provisional Rules," but it was soon abandoned, and restriction of entry entirely swept away. For the procurement of books to read in either the Reference or Lending Libraries, a printed form was substituted for the register, and this system is still in use.

No one was allowed free access to any books, but had to find whatsoever was required by means of the catalogues. Now cases are provided in all the libraries, wherein the latest additions are displayed, books are freely shown to borrowers to facilitate their choice, and both in the Reference and *Lending Libraries* open shelves containing a selection

of books for reference are accessible to everyone without formality of any kind.

Originally it was deemed prudent to require the signatures of two ratepayers as guarantors for a borrower's honesty. Not only have these been reduced to one, but in case the intending borrower is an elector of either Manchester or Salford he may be his own guarantor. The guarantee form in the early days must have been delivered to the librarian three days before books could be obtained, in order that the verifications required might be elaborately made. Now the form is examined on delivery, and if found correct books may be borrowed without further delay.

In 1879 bye-laws for the regulation of the libraries were drawn up by the Committee, sanctioned by the Council, and approved by the Secretary of State, and are now in force. They are as follows:—


BYE-LAWS OF THE PUBLIC FREE LIBRARIES, CITY OF MANCHESTER.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, being assembled in Council in the Town Hall, in the said city, on Wednesday, the third day of September, 1879, and more than two-thirds in number of the whole Council being present, do hereby, in pursuance of "The Manchester Improvement Act, 1871," make the following bye-laws:—

1. In construing these bye-laws the word "Library" shall mean any and every Public Free Library for the time being belonging to or vested in or under the control of the said Council, and the several rooms, passages, and staircases thereof, and the word "Librarian" shall include the principal Librarian and his assistants, and the word "Book" shall include newspapers, pamphlets, pictures, engravings, maps, plans, and other articles of a like nature; and all words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed and taken to include females, and the singular to include the plural, and the plural the singular.

2. Every such library shall be open to the public gratuitously daily throughout the year, with the exception of Christmas Day, Good Friday, and such other days, if any, as the Libraries Committee of the said Council shall direct, and during such hours as the said Committee shall direct. No person shall enter or remain in any library except whilst it is open to the public as aforesaid.

3. No person who is in a state of intoxication, or is uncleanly in person or dress, or who is suffering from an infectious or offensive disease, shall be admitted to or allowed to remain in any library. No person shall be allowed to lie on the benches or chairs, or to sleep in any library, or to interfere with the arrangements for conducting it, or with *the comfort* of the readers therein, or to use the



same for any purpose for which it is not intended. No conversation shall be permitted in any library. No person shall partake of refreshments, or smoke, spit, strike matches, or bring a dog into any library. The admission of persons under 14 years of age to any reading-room shall be in the discretion of the Librarian.

4. No person shall pass within the enclosures of any library, or take any book from the shelves.

5. Every person desiring to read books in any library shall write his true name and place of abode, and the title and number in the catalogue of the book required by him, on a ticket provided for that purpose, which is to be delivered to the Librarian; and shall before leaving the room return such book into the hands of the Librarian, and shall not, under any circumstances, take the same out of the room.

6. Books will be lent from the lending department of each library to an elector of Manchester or Salford, on his signing a voucher in the presence of the Librarian, or to a non-electors upon the production of a voucher for the safe return of the books, signed by a person enrolled on the List of Citizens of Manchester, or on the list of Burgesses of Salford, or on the Parliamentary Lists of Manchester or Salford, such vouchers to be on the forms provided for the purpose.

7. Any person who shall deliver, or permit to be

delivered, to the Librarian any voucher which shall not have been actually signed by the citizen, burgess, or elector by whom it purports to have been signed, or some person duly authorised by him, or wherein any false statement is made, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding £5; and any person not being the intending borrower named in any voucher, or authorised by him, who shall attempt to use the same, shall be subject to the like penalty.

8. In exchange for the voucher above mentioned the Librarian will deliver to the applicant a borrower's card, which must be produced on every application for a book. Any person who is not named in the said card, or authorised by him, who shall make use of the same for the purpose of obtaining a book or books, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5. The lending register of any library shall be sufficient evidence that the book therein named has been lent to the person whose name is written opposite the same on the date therein specified.

9. No person shall be eligible to borrow books from more than one lending department at the same time; but any borrower who has conformed to these bye-laws may have his card transferred from one lending department to another. No person shall have more than one borrower's card, nor be allowed more than one book or set of books, at the same time. A borrower may, however, on special

application, obtain a Student's Ticket in addition to his ordinary ticket. This will enable him to borrow two books at the same time, but will not be available for works of fiction.

10. Every person taking out a book from any lending department under the foregoing regulations must return the same within the period specified on the label of such book, and must, whether such period has expired or not, return the same in accordance with any public notice calling in books posted in the library from which the same shall have been borrowed.

11. If any book be not returned in accordance with the regulations herein contained, or if it be returned torn, cut, soiled, written in, or with leaves turned down, or otherwise injured, the borrower shall pay to the Committee such a sum of money as will replace such book or set of books to which it belongs, or be a full compensation for the damage or loss sustained by the library. If the borrower shall not make such payment, the citizen, burgess, or elector whose name is subscribed to such voucher shall, on demand, pay to the Committee such sum of money as aforesaid. When a new copy of a book or set of books has been provided in lieu of that or those injured, the person at whose cost the same shall have been so provided will be entitled to the damaged copy or remaining volumes, each volume being stamped "Sold from the Manchester Public

Free Libraries." Books stolen or lost shall continue the property of the Council, although replaced or paid for.

12. Any person suffering from an infectious disease who shall borrow, read, or use any book from any library, or any person having a book from any library who shall permit the same to be used by anyone suffering from an infectious disease, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5.

13. Any person selling, pledging, pawning, or disposing of, or purchasing or advancing money upon any book, newspaper, or other article, from any library, or attempting so to do, shall forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding £5.

14. No person shall write upon any book, or shall soil, damage, mutilate, or deface such book, or the walls or windows of any library, or the furniture or fittings thereof, or any property of the Council connected therewith.

15. Any person offending against the foregoing bye-laws may (whether or not he has been convicted before Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in respect of such offence) be excluded from the use of every library for such period as the said Committee may determine.

16. The Librarian, and any police constable instructed by him, may exclude or remove from any library all idle or disorderly persons who are *not using* such place for the purpose for which it

is intended, or who have, in the opinion of such Librarian, been guilty of a breach of any of these bye-laws or of any public law.

To facilitate the use of the lending libraries and the newsrooms by the public, these directions have been prepared and are expected to be observed.

DIRECTIONS TO READERS AND BORROWERS.

1. The lending department is open for the delivery and return of books from 8-30 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, except Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. On Saturday the issue of books to borrowers ceases at 5 o'clock. The newsroom is open daily from 8-30 a.m. to 10 p.m., except Christmas Day and Good Friday, and is also open on Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. The boys' reading-room is open from 6 to 9 every evening.

2. Admission to the newsroom is free.

3. Books may be obtained to read in the newsroom by signing a reader's ticket, which may be had on application. Books so obtained are not, under any circumstances, to be taken out of the newsroom.

4. Persons, being non-electors, wishing to borrow books to read at home must obtain the signature of some person whose name is either on the List of Citizens of Manchester or on the List of Burgesses

of Salford, or on the Parliamentary Registers of Manchester or Salford, who shall sign the following voucher for the safe return of the books:—

I undertake to pay, in respect of any book belonging to the CORPORATION OF MANCHESTER, which shall be issued in the name of _____ of _____ and which shall be injured or not duly returned, such sum of money as will replace such book, or the set of books to which it belongs.

Signature of Guarantor

Ward and Address of Guarantor

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19____

Any elector of Manchester or Salford may obtain books for home reading after signing a voucher in the form provided, of which the following is a copy:—

I, the undersigned, being an Elector of _____ and being desirous of Borrowing Books, to take home for reading, and knowing the Bye-laws and Regulations of the MANCHESTER PUBLIC FREE LIBRARIES, hereby apply for a Borrower's Card, entitling me to Borrow Books from the _____ Lending Branch.

If any Book issued in my name should be damaged or not duly returned, I engage to pay such sum of money as will, to the satisfaction of the Librarian, compensate for, or replace such book or the set of volumes to which such book belongs; and, further, I engage to conform in all other respects to the Bye-laws and Regulations of the MANCHESTER PUBLIC FREE LIBRARIES.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Signature { Name
Occupation
Address or Residence
Ward

Witness

Librarian or Assistant Librarian.

N.B.—This application must be signed in the presence of the Branch Librarian or his Assistant and left with him for examination.

Printed voucher forms may be had on application. The voucher, when duly signed and found correct, will be exchanged for a borrower's card, which, in the case of electors, will have to be renewed every year, and of non-electors every three years.

5. Every person on obtaining a borrower's card must write his or her name, occupation, and residence in a book provided for that purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to the bye-laws.

6. It is desirable that books should be applied for by the borrowers personally. When they cannot conveniently visit the library, they are requested to send a messenger competent to deliver their messages and to take due care of the books. The Librarian has instructions to refuse books to messengers who are not able to take proper care of them.

7. Borrowers returning their books are expected not to leave them on the counter, or give them into the hands of strangers, but to deliver them to the Librarian, or his assistant, the borrower being held responsible for books not so delivered.

8. The same borrower is not eligible to borrow books from more than one lending branch at a time, but borrowers may have their cards transferred temporarily or permanently from one branch to another.

9. Borrowers are cautioned against losing their cards, as they will be held responsible for any book or books which may be taken out of the library by the use of their cards until the period for which the card is granted has expired. Lost cards can be replaced subject to this responsibility.

10. Any change in the residence of borrowers or their guarantors must be intimated to the Librarian within one week of such change. Inattention to this direction will render the borrower's card liable to suspension.

11. Borrowers are requested to use the books carefully, to keep them clean, not to fold down the leaves, nor make marks of any kind in them.

12. Borrowers leaving town, or ceasing to use the library, are required to return their cards to the Librarian in order to have their guarantees cancelled, otherwise they and their guarantors will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

13. On asking for books, the title should be legibly written down, with the number and class letter affixed to it in the index catalogue; and it is recommended that a list of at least twenty books in the order wanted should be furnished in all cases of works in general demand, as many of them may be out at the time.

14. No book can be engaged beforehand; but the

borrower who first applies for a book after it has been returned is entitled to have it.

15. The period of loan may be renewed on presenting the book, or by postal card, provided it is not in request by any other borrower. Postal cards must contain the class letter, name, and number of the book, the date of issue, and the borrower's signature. They must also be received before the expiration of the time allowed for reading the book.

16. Borrowers detaining books beyond the time allowed for reading will incur the risk of having their privilege to borrow suspended or forfeited, and of having a special messenger sent for the books at their expense.

17. Borrowers should bear in mind that all have equal claims to the use of the library, and each can only be attended to in turn.

18. Printed catalogues may be purchased at the library; and copies of the same, with a manuscript catalogue of the current additions, are placed on the library counter for reference.

19. The Librarian will receive suggestions from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced into the library, and such suggestions will be submitted to the Committee for their consideration.

20. Special attention is called to the following clause of 24 and 25 Victoria, cap. xcii.:—

“Whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously
 “destroy or damage any thing kept for the
 “purposes of art, science, or literature . . .
 “in any . . . library . . . for the
 “admission of the public . . . shall be guilty
 “of a misdemeanour, and, being duly con-
 “victed thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned
 “for any period not exceeding six months, with
 “or without hard labour.

“ . . . Any person found committing any
 “offence against this Act may be immediately
 “apprehended, without a warrant, by any other
 “person and forthwith taken before some
 “neighbouring Justice of the Peace, to be dealt
 “with according to law.”

PUBLICATIONS.

GENERAL.

Such of the following publications of the Free Libraries Committee as are not out of print can be purchased at the prices affixed. When no price is mentioned the work is either out of print or will be presented to any applicant:—

Fifty-third Annual Report of the Public Free Libraries Committee, 1904-5. 8vo. pp. 24.

Manchester Free Library. Report of the Proceedings at the Public Meetings held at the Library, Campfield, Manchester, on Thursday, September 2nd, 1852, to celebrate the opening of the Free Library. 1903. 8vo. pp. 83. 1s.

Manchester Public Free Libraries. Record of the Jubilee Celebrations, April 2nd and 3rd, 1903. Edited by Charles W. Sutton, M.A. 1903. 8vo. pp. 104. 1s.

Fifty Years' Record of Free Library Work in Manchester. By William R. Credland. 1903. 8vo. pp. 48. *Illus.* 6d.

The Manchester Public Free Libraries. A History and Description, and Guide to their Contents and Use. By W. R. Credland. 1899. 8vo. pp. xvi. 283. *Illus.* 3s.

Manchester Free Public Libraries Handbook, Historical and Descriptive. Compiled by W. R. Credland. Second Edition. 1907. *Illus.* 3d.

Address on the Moral Influence of Free Libraries. By Alexander Ireland. 1892. 8vo. pp. 19. 1d.

The Public Free Libraries of Manchester: their History, Organisation, and Work. By Alderman H. Rawson. 1893. 8vo. pp. 9. 1d. *Also in French*, pp. 12.

An Address delivered at the opening of the Blackley Free Library and Institute, October 10th, 1901. By Benn W. Levy. 1901. 8vo. pp. 17. 1d.

Syllabus of a Course of Lectures on Books about the Country. By J. Ernest Phythian. 8vo. pp. 11. 1d.

Manchester Public Free Libraries Quarterly Record. *In progress.*

Numbers i. 1, 2. iv. 2. v. 1 are out of print. Other back numbers price 1d. each. Current number free.

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Conscription, iii. 4.

Coronations, vi. 1

Costume, vii. 2.

Cuba, ii. 1.

English Art, ii. 4.

Oliver Cromwell, iii. 1.

Strikes and Lock-outs,

Sir Arthur Sullivan, iv. 3.

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LISTS OF CURRENT PERIODICALS :—

- Reference Library, v. 4.
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- Centenary of W. Harrison Ainsworth, viii. 4.
Foreign Library, vii. 4.
Letherbrow's Memorials of Brookes and Hull, iii. 3.
Manchester Infirmary, 1792, ii. 1.
Maps for Cyclists, iv. 1.
Moss Side Public Library, viii. 3.
National Defence in 1838, iii. 3.
Old Manchester Newspapers, iv. 1.
Old Manchester Record [Sessions MS.] ii. 2.
Photographic survey of Manchester and Salford, v.
Dr. Watson's Musical Library, iii. 3, vi. 2.
Dr. Hall's Musical Library, iii. 4.
Thomas Greenwood Library for Librarians, ix. 3.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

- Catalogue of the Books in the Manchester Free Library, Reference department. Prepared by A. Crestadoro, Ph.D. 1864. 8vo. pp. viii. 975. *Also* Vol. 2, Comprising the Additions from 1864 to 1879. 1879. 8vo. pp. vi. 1107. *Also* Vol. 3, Index of Names and Subjects. 1881. pp. vi. 614.
- Occasional Lists, No. 1. Works relating to Sculpture, Wood-carving, Ivory-carving, and Metal Work. March, 1890. 8vo. pp. 6. 1d.
- Occasional Lists, No. 2. The Fuller Collection. Compiled by Ernest Axon. February, 1891. 8vo. pp. 12. 1d.
- Occasional Lists, No. 3. The Shorthand Collection. Compiled by Ernest Axon. April, 1891. 8vo. pp. 44. 2d.
- Occasional Lists, No. 5. Catalogue of the Alexander Ireland Collection [of books by and relating to Charles and Mary Lamb, William Hazlitt, Leigh Hunt, Thomas and Jane Welsh Carlyle, Ralph Waldo Emerson]. Compiled by J. H. Swann, 1898. 8vo. pp. 25. 2d.
- Occasional Lists, No. 7. Alfred the Great and his Times. Annotated study list. Compiled by J. H. Swann. 1901. 8vo. pp. 12. 1d.

Catalogue of Ancient and Modern Books of Music, MSS., &c., from the Henry Watson Music Library. Exhibited in the Town Hall. 1905. 8vo. pp. 20. [*Occasional Lists No. 4 (Technical Books) and No. 6 (Owen MSS.) are out of print.*]

List of the current scientific serial publications received by the principal libraries of Manchester. Compiled by Charles W. E. Leigh. *Manch. Lit. and Phil. Soc.* 1898. 8vo. pp. vi. 52. 1s.

LENDING LIBRARIES.

A Catalogue of each Library, except Moss Side, has been issued, and such as are still in print may be obtained from the Branch Librarian at the price affixed.

ANCOATS. 3rd edit. 1894, and supplement 1901. 4d.

BLACKLEY. 1st edit. 1901, and supplement 1903. 3d.

CHEETHAM. 3rd edit. 1892, and supplements 1896 and 1900. 4d.

CHORLTON. 4th edit. 1900, 6d. ; and supplement, 1907.

DEANS GATE. 5th edit. 1899, and supplement 1903. 6d.

GORTON. 2nd edit. 1901. 3d.

HULME. 5th edit. 1894, and supplement 1903, and Author list of fiction, 1904, 6d. ; Class List of Works on Natural Science, Useful Arts, and Fine Arts, 1905, 1d. ; List of Books for the Young, 1906.

MOSS SIDE. Catalogue of Books for Young Folks. 1904. 1d.

Hand-list of the Gaskell Collection. Compiled by J. A. Green. 1903. 1d. Author list of fiction, 1906, 1d. ; Catalogue of the Gleave Bronte Collection, 1907, 2d. Class List of Works on Natural Science, Useful Arts, and Fine Arts, 1907, 1d.

MOSTON. 2nd edit. 1904. 1d.

LONGSIGHT. 3rd edit. 1902. 4d.

NEWTON HEATH. 2nd edit. 1903. 4d.

OPENSHAW. 2nd edit. 1899, and supplement 1904. 3d.

ROCHDALE ROAD. 3rd edit. 1892, and supplement 1899. 4d.

RUSHOLME. New edition of catalogue in preparation. Author list of fiction, 1903. 1d.

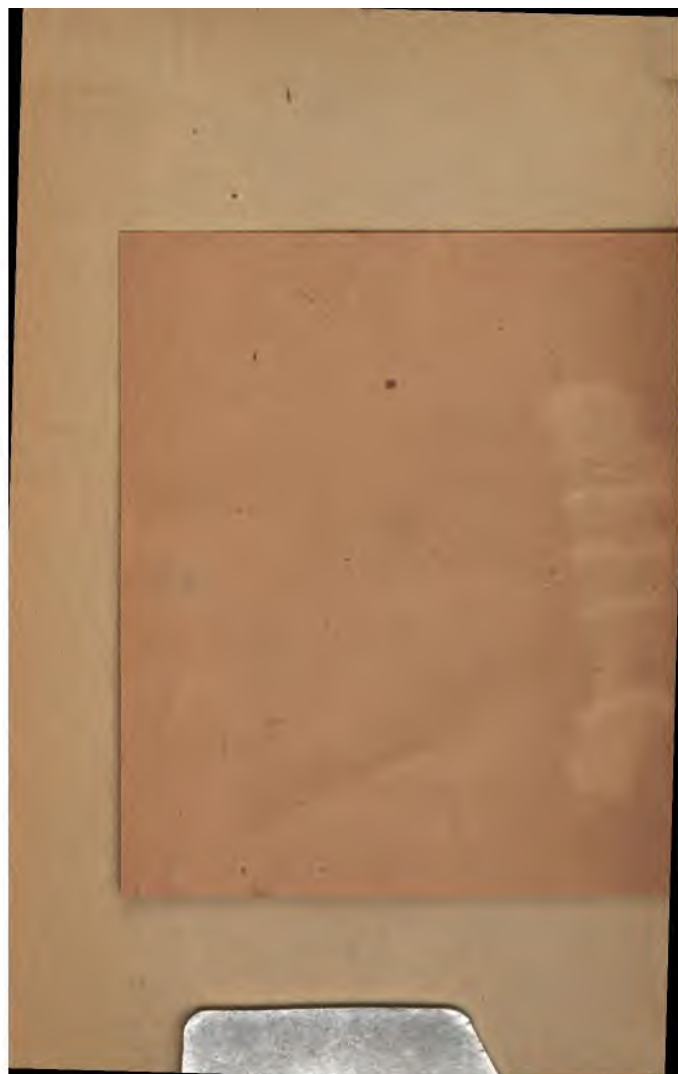










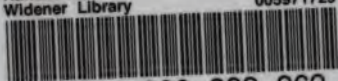


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